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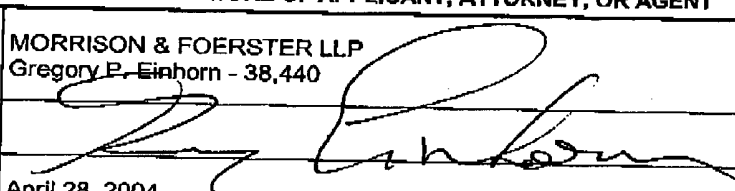
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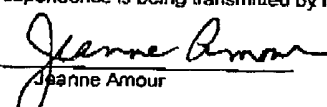
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO TELECONFERENCE

Sir:

Responsive to the teleconferences of April 28, 2004, and April 27, 2004,
Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set
forth herein.

Applicants note that this is the third preliminary amendment, the first submitted
October 29, 2003, and the second submitted February 13, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on
page 2 of this paper.

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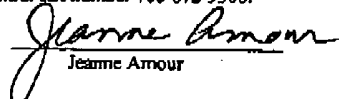
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